



**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
WARRANT  
FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

**FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Freetown, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Freetown who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Freetown Elementary School, Auditorium, 43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts, the fourteenth day of March, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting held June 5, 2017, which authorized the Town to convey ±123 acres of land to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of Article:*** This is a procedural article in advance of the following two articles.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the parcel of Town-owned property described below from the board or officer currently having such care custody, maintenance, and control for the purpose for which said parcel is currently held to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition by sale, lease, or otherwise; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), on such terms and conditions, and for consideration of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town, fee or such lesser interests in the parcel of land in East Freetown located on Chace Road, shown on Assessors' Map 240, lot 5 and Map 240, lot 4; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen execute any and all instruments, agreements, and/or other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Requires 2/3 Vote

***Explanation of Article:*** This article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the specified parcels of land to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. The D.C.R. is working with the Town and private land owners to conserve several hundred acres between Chace Road and the Lakeville Town Line.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the following parcels of land from the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes to the Conservation Commission under the provisions of Section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws, and further to dedicate and designate the parcels for conservation purposes subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution:

- a) The Olive Sherman Lot (so called), bounded northerly by the Lakeville Town Line, easterly by the Almy Lot and the Center Line, southerly by a woodlot now or formerly of Dighton Industries Company, and westerly by Proprietors Way. The lot herein conveyed is shown on the Assessors' Map 218 as Lot 1.
- b) The Newhall Woodlot (so called), bounded northerly by the Sampson Woodlot, easterly by the Almy Lot and the Center Line, southerly by the Canedy Woodlot, and westerly by that portion of the Newhall Woodlot now or formerly of Rezendes Associates, Inc. The lot herein conveyed is shown on Assessors' Map 218 as Lot 5.
- c) The Paull Lot (so called) and other adjoining land, together constituting a single parcel of approximately 73 acres. The lot herein conveyed is shown on Assessors' Map 229 as Lot 8.

And/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Requires 2/3 Vote

***Explanation of Article:*** This article would transfer the above parcels to the Conservation Commission. These parcels are old tax title parcels with unclear title, which makes it unlikely the town would be able to sell or develop them in the future. Also, the state is currently negotiating to buy the lands surrounding these parcels to expand the Freetown State Forest, and when that sale finalizes, these lots would be mostly landlocked and unable to be developed anyway.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the construction and installation of a water line to service the Town's current Police Station, Elementary School, and any other current and future municipal buildings, and any abutting properties, including engineering and construction costs and any additional or incidental costs, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote  
(2/3 vote required for  
borrowing or transfer  
from Stabilization)

***Explanation of Article:*** This appropriation would fund the construction of a new water line to service the Police Station and elementary school, with service available for other municipal buildings and abutting properties.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing the Stabilization Fund and/or Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of Article:*** This appropriation would add funds to the Stabilization Fund to be used for any lawful purpose and/or add funds to the Capital Stabilization Fund to be used for purchasing capital assets or payment of related debt service on capital assets. The Stabilization Fund is a “rainy day fund” or reserve to support the Town during times of financial stress. Any proposed use of these funds would require a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting.

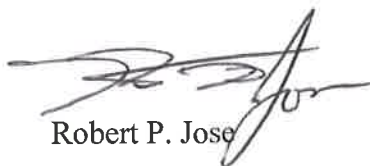
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the following places: Assonet Post Office, East Freetown Post Office, the stores of Quick Pic in East Freetown, Junior's Convenience Store and Freetown Town Hall, and the Freetown Communications Center.

Hereof, fail not and make return of the original Warrant with your doings thereon immediately after making service thereof to the Town Clerk of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Freetown, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Eighteen.



Lisa A. Pacheco  
Chairman



Robert P. Jose

Charles B. Sullivan

**FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**